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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, and amend claims 2-6 and 8-11, as follows:

2. (Amended) The pad assembly of claim 6 wherein the backing member comprises a contoured support attached to the second surface.